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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action issued on March 11, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is initially due on June 11, 2003. Enclosed is a Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time to extend the due date for this response from June 11, 2003 to September 11, 2003, along with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c).